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PHONE 17.

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OUR WESTERN LANDS

A Big Crowd Hears An Excellent Address.

Geo. F. Root Greeted with Burst of Applause.

The meeting at the Lyric Theatre Monday evening, when H. B. Ames delivered his now famous address, was one of the most noted gatherings ever held in Red Deer. Although the night was wet and a heavy storm threatened, the hall was crowded to the doors with a large and orderly audience, composed of the most representative citizens of Red Deer, and leading farmers of the surrounding district. There was a goodly number of ladies present who seemed to enjoy the proceedings very much. When Mr. Root's picture was thrown on the screen a shout of applause filled the hall showing the esteem in which our member is held.

The chair was taken by W. E. Payne, president of the local Conservative association, who opened proceedings by making a few remarks, after which he called on Geo. F. Root to address the meeting for a short time. Mr. Root was greeted with applause. The last time he met the people of Red Deer in the Lyric was with Hon. R. L. Borden, when that gentleman delivered his memorable address here. He was greatly pleased to see so many out as it augured well for the coming campaign. He said the most prominent question before the people of the West was, "Shall the people rule?" The question was whether we shall have control of our lands, our minerals, our forests, our streams, or not? The time had come when we must decide. The manhood of Canada will be called on to vote for or against preserving our resources for the people. We must stand for our own. When men wanted to sell their lands, their cattle, their implements and get out of the country, there was something wrong. He blamed the government for this, owing to high taxation, and giving everything to the grafters. When President Roosevelt started his campaign against graft many papers on the other side yelled "Muckrake." The same thing happened every time he spoke in the big cities, but he kept at it until he made the great trusts tremble, and he was recognized as the champion of the people. The same thing happened at Ottawa when Mr. Ames started his movement against wrong-doing. Muckrake was hurled at him, but he was doing a noble work. He called on every citizen to condemn the land and timber steals of the gratter element in the Liberal party voting against them at the coming election. He had much pleasure in introducing to the audience.

H. B. AMES.
Mr. Ames in rising said the duties of members at Ottawa kept them busy, but occasionally they had time to come before the people and discuss their affairs. He would like to speak to the farmer in which the Laurier government had dealt with the revenue of the country which had advanced by leaps and bounds until it was three or four times what it was when the Liberals came in power, until the people groaned under

the burden, until every householder found it almost impossible to make ends meet. It seemed impudent for him to come away west and talk on these questions of lands and timber steals to the people of this province. He would not dare do it in Nova Scotia, he would not do it in Quebec, in Ontario or British Columbia. Why not? Because these provinces had control of their own resources, their lands, their minerals, their timber, their water ways, their fisheries. That is the reason. There is a body of men 214 strong consisting of the Canadian House of Commons who dealt with every detail of the affairs of this western country while only one-ninth of the members come from the west. He had therefore had a good opportunity of studying the conditions of the west. He had given a great deal of thought to the questions under consideration. Some people criticized his views, but the most learned professors in England, the leading lecturers among Societies of the United States all took the same of imparting information to their audiences.

The Canadian people have a right to ask and to expect that any government, which seeks their confidence, shall deal with this great question in a wise, honest and statesmanlike manner.

THE WEALTH OF THE WEST.

The immense area between the eastern limit of the province of Manitoba and the Rocky Mountains is a country of diverse wealth. It may be roughly classified as comprising four great areas. On the north lies the great spruce forest stretching from Lake Winnipeg to the Mackenzie Basin, a belt of wooded land 800 miles in width, traversed by floatable rivers and containing considerable quantities of merchantable timber; between Winnipeg and Edmonton and east of the Rocky Mountains lies the prairie agricultural belt containing 100,000,000 acres of arable land within and encircled by the agricultural belt lies the grazing areas. Just east of the Rocky Mountains in Southern Alberta is a district which has produced marvellous crops under cultivation by irrigation. Nor is this all. Along the foot-hills of the Rocky Mountains and still further eastward there are areas containing valuable coal deposits. The northern lakes are full of excellent food fish. Such is the natural wealth of the Canadian West.

We have taxed our pockets, we have strained our credit to accomplish this development. We have done this because we believed that in the west lay the hope of the Dominion. The lands of these new provinces represent opportunity for our sons, they are our best advertisement to desirable immigrants; they furnish, as population increases, a magnificent home market for our eastern manufactured products. For these reasons we have spent our money in developing the northwest.

The administration of these public lands rest in the hands of

the Federal authorities at Ottawa. The government acts as trustee for the people of Canada. We, of the Conservative opposition in the House of Commons, have criticised the Liberal party of the day on the ground that they have not properly managed these assets. We assert that they have permitted vast fortunes to be made at the expense of the public by favored individuals; that they neglected to consider the interest of the settler. This has been our contention. It is not mere assertion, we have produced proof, and it is this proof which I propose to lay before you tonight.

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Death of Hon. J. D. Brown.

Thomas Brown returned from the United States Monday, where he had been on a sad errand, namely, bidding farewell to his brother Hon. John D. Brown, ex-mayor of Anthony, who died on August 2nd at Denver, Colorado. The late Mr. Brown was a leading citizen of his town. The Bulletin of that city says of him: "In the years that have passed since Anthony was established, there has not been a death in the community that has more deeply touched the hearts of our people than this death. People feel the sense of personal loss. It is as though death had entered every home. It is as if every heart had been fresh wounded."

Mr. Brown paid his brother Thomas here a visit last year and will be remembered by those who had the pleasure of meeting him as a gentleman of first rank, and his death will be a sad blow to the town of his adoption.

Annual Gun Club Shoot.

The annual shoot of the Red Deer Gun Club on Friday last brought out a full complement of members. The ladies provided lunch on the grounds and a hearty vote of thanks was extended to them by the Club.

There were six events, of 10 birds each, in all, three were open to all, one ladies choice, one for B class and one for consolation.

The handicaps were as follows: Soratch, Stephenson, Plaxton, Marr, Lund. One bird in ten, L. M. Gaetz, Drake, Kennedy, R. L. Gaetz, Ware, J. P. Gaetz. Two birds in ten, Cottingham, Carswell, Helliwell, R. C. Brumpton, Huskins, Joe Brumpton, Randall, Wilson. Three birds, Rowntree, Cayno, Four birds, Hill and Gibson.

1ST EVENT.
Helliwell and Carswell tied for first, Carswell took first on shoot off. Helliwell second, Lund 3rd.

2ND EVENT.
L. M. Gaetz and Carswell tied, Gaetz took first, Carswell second and Randall third.

3RD EVENT.
Class B Championship. Wilson 1st and silver medal, 2nd Gibson, 3rd Randall.

4TH EVENT.
Ladies choice, 1st Randall, 2nd L. M. Gaetz, 3rd J. F. Gaetz.

5TH EVENT.
1st Marr, 2nd Randall, 3rd J. F. Gaetz.

CONSOLATION.
1st Huskins, 2nd Plaxton, 3rd Kennedy.

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These goods must be sold, and we are offering the following prices to clear our stock:

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\$4.00 now	\$3.25
3.25 "	2.75
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1.50 "	1.25
1.25 "	1.00
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PHONE 20.

"OUR WESTERN LANDS."

ADDRESS BY H. B. AMES.

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We will now take up one by one the natural resources of this western land dealing with the timber, the agricultural and the grazing lands, the coal areas, the water powers, the fisheries of the Western Provinces, all of which are administered by the Ottawa government, and we will show why in our opinion the present administration should be condemned for their action in dealing with each of these.

PART I.—THE TIMBER LANDS.
As is well known the prairie for the most part is comparatively treeless. Here and there are small areas of poplar and spruce, but the trees are rarely of sufficient size or quality to furnish building material. The farmer must look elsewhere for the lumber which he shall build.

Prior to 1900 little was known regarding the great northern forest. Manitoba's demand for lumber was supplied from western Ontario, the Alberta demand from the Rocky Mountains, and there were few settlers between. As the prairie began to fill with population a vast amount of timber was required for railway building and settlers' houses. A line of railway had been pushed north to Prince Albert, and it was found that there existed immense areas of fine spruce timber in the region, bounded by the North Saskatchewan river.

WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE.
Now the government should have explored and valued these areas before parting with them.

This is what you would have done as a bequest of a stretch of land which you had no previous knowledge.

But the government parted with these timber lands before it had any idea as to their value and now that they are gone has cause to regret its negligence. These limits are to-day worth from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and in some instances \$5,000 per mile, for the leases are practically perpetual. The men who have secured these areas are multi-millionaires.

HOW MUCH TIMBER PASSED.

It is customary for the defence of the present administration, when hard pushed to find an excuse for the present government's action with reference to the timber of the Northwest, to declare that under Conservative rule, prior to 1900, a large area was alienated, leaving the holder to infer these areas passed permanently out of the control of the government of Canada. This was not the case. It is true the Conservatives leased extensive tracts of timber land, but they exacted such conditions of operation from the grantees that no less than 94 p.c. of the area came back to the Crown. Of all the areas granted prior to July, 1890, only 1720 miles were retained by the grantees, and the present Liberal administration came into office, there were but 1,380 sq. miles of timber under lease in the three provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. This did not, however, long continue. There are nearly 6,500 sq. miles under lease at the present time. A careful analysis shows that about 30 p.c. of the area under lease is being actually cut over, that 20 p.c. is being held in reserve by the lumber companies and that 50 p.c. is in the hands of speculators. The government have leased practically all the good timber south of the water-shed; and the reserves of Winnipeg, Prince Albert and Edmonton are in speculative hands.

HOW THE REGULATIONS WERE ALTERED.

The regulations too have changed so to greatly encourage the speculator. Prior to 1900 the Minister of the Interior was under no obligation to renew a license from year to year, if the land was required for settlement or other purposes, but Mr. Sifton altered this and by Order-in-Council, on April 11, 1903, it was decreed that as long as the licensee complies with the conditions of his license and of the regulations he shall be entitled to a renewal of his license from year to year, while merchantable timber remains upon the area licensed. The change in the regulations makes the lease practically perpetual, adds greatly to the value of the berth and has doubtless stimulated speculation to a marked degree.

WHO HAVE PROFITED.

Within the comparatively short period of three years and a half, between 1902 and 1905, more than three thousand square miles of selected timber, that is to say about one-half of the entire area under lease in the western provinces fell into the hands, not of operators, but of speculators. One-half of this amount, comprising 25 p.c. of the timber of the three provinces, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, was acquired by a group, which may be called the Burrows-Fraser combination, of which the brother-in-law of the then Minister of the Interior, Mr. Sifton, was the central figure, under circumstances so peculiar as to have excited general comment.

An analysis of the holdings of this group shows T. A. Burrows as having secured 540 square miles, the Imperial Pulp Company, 417 square miles, the Big River Lumber Company, 230 square miles, A. W. Fraser, alias John McBean, 250 square miles, A. W. Fraser for himself, 120 square miles—in all 1,580 square miles of selected timber, only 100 square miles of which are being operated, the remainder held, presumably for speculation.

The extent of the holdings of this favored group may be illustrated: Were these selected blocks, nearly 250

in number, out of an area many times their size, placed end to end they would form a continuous strip of timber, one mile wide, stretching from Montreal to Winnipeg, or, putting it another way, they would be the equivalent of a strip half a mile in width clear across the continent.

PHENOMENAL SUCCESS IN TENDERING.

In the acquisition of these limits, under the form of competitive tendering followed by this government, the members of the "Inner Circle," have been remarkably successful. T. A. Burrows, brother-in-law to the ex-Minister of the Interior, owned in 1901 three limits. Between June 1902 and June of 1903 Mr. Burrows bid, directly or indirectly, nineteen times for timber berths. He succeeded eighteen times, he failed once.

Such success is quite out of the ordinary. For example take the experience of Messrs H. and K. McDonald, Mr. Burrows' most active competitors, who stand second on the list by way of extent of holdings. The McDonalds were shrewd businessmen. Kenneth McDonald was a practical lumberman and explored the timbered regions of the West. Hector McDonald, his brother, looked after the Ottawa end of the timber speculation business. The result of Mr. McDonald's success, the McDonalds bid on thirty occasions. They were successful four times; they failed sixteen times. For the limits which they secured they paid in the aggregate three times the highest bidder. For the limits they lost they averaged 62 per cent of highest bid. Burrows almost never failed, and he cleared the jump he had but little to spare.

WAS THERE REAL COMPETITION?

Whenever the holdings of the brother-in-law of the Ex-Minister of the Interior and of his associates are criticised, the argument is always advanced in defence that these limits were obtained at public competition, and that they went to the highest bidder. I propose, in order to test the validity of this defence, to give the history of some of the transactions which have been disclosed in the House of Commons and to show that the so-called public competition was little better than a travesty. Not only was the system wholly bad, but there are strong grounds to believe that fraud and imposition were practiced, and the government in refusing to permit inquiry into the matter, has strengthened the belief, well-nigh universal, that these transactions could not be the light. Let us then take up the stories of some of these berths. We will begin with that of the Cedar Lake, where the limits, which are of special interest since it was in respect of these transactions that the government was charged with the original documents was passed.

THE CEDAR LAKE LIMIT.

Just north of Lake Winnipegosis there lies a lake called Cedar Lake, on the shores and islands of which are the finest timber. In September, 1903, A. W. Fraser, an Ottawa lawyer, not long since President of the Ottawa Lumber Association, applied to have put up for sale a timber berth to include 90 square miles of this lake. His request was at once granted. The notices were issued on the 12th of October, calling for bids to be received and opened at Ottawa on the 2nd of December. One advertisement and one only appeared in the Manitoba Free Press and in the Manitoba Courier. Now, Cedar Lake lies 100 miles north of the railroad. In order to reach it, one must take the train to Winnipegosis, from which point an occasional fishing tug can be taken for points at the northern end of that lake. But the steamer service comes to an end the latter part of October and the ice commences, early in November, to form upon Lake Winnipegosis. Since the advertisement did not appear in the western papers before the 20th of October, it will be seen that it was quite impossible for that time of the year for anyone to visit the limit, examine the timber, put in a bid with a knowledge of its value and the results of the tendering. Competition was impossible. It is reasonable to conclude that the parties at Ottawa intended to make it so. As was no doubt expected the limit was sold to the highest bidder, Mr. Fraser, and this gentleman offered the patty sum of \$500 and secured the limit. Shortly after its acquisition the area of the berth was increased to 90 square miles without additional bonus, so that Mr. Fraser secured his limit at the rate of \$5.50 per square mile, or at a little less than one cent an acre.

Now that limit, acquired for speculative purposes by Mr. Fraser, was placed for sale in the hands of certain Winnipeg agents. Their prospective buyer was read in the House of Commons. It was the original document issued by J. Haffner and Son, real estate agents, 307 Main street, Winnipeg, which reads as follows:

"Cedar Lake, which is situated on Saskatchewan waters is comprised of something over 100 square miles, is estimated at 250,000 feet. The timber on this berth would work to advantage in connection with the former berth. As you will notice by the accompanying plan there is one short gorge to be log from Cedar Creek to Lake Winnipegosis, a distance of from ten to a half of three miles. The waters in both lakes are the same level and the country lying in between the two lakes is of a low flat nature. The timber is immediately surrounding the shores of the lake stated for sixty square miles, together with the islands or portions of the islands that have been selected. The survey has been made, but up to the present I am not in possession of the plans. The timber is of good quality and fairly plenty. The area of the timber in the Erwood and Red Deer districts, but not quite so large. The price for the block is \$300,000.

Can anyone defend the government for permitting so valuable a concession to be made into a speculator's hand under such circumstances?

THE MOOSE LAKE LIMIT.

Just north of Cedar Lake lies a still larger sheet of water known as Moose Lake. This also drains into the Saskatchewan river. The lake is as large as Lake Winnipegosis and there is some very fine timber located nearby. Mr. Fraser applied for this limit also at the time that he asked for Cedar Lake. There was the same insufficiency of advertising and opportunity for competition. Mr. Fraser, apparently expecting to have it all his own way, put in a nominal bid of \$1,000. But there was a surprise for him, for late in the morning of the day on which the bids were to be opened, a tender reached the department from James Currie, associated with the McDonalds, who offered \$6,420 for the limit. Then a third limit appeared in the name of W. H. Nolan, containing a \$7,000 cheque and this last bid, offer captured the limit.

THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.

Now, these three tenders were the original documents over which there was so much discussion in the House of Commons. The government furnished the Opposition with typewritten copies,

These, however did not carry all the information that was required. They were the original documents, and demand was refused. After a two weeks' struggle, the originals were brought out and the question of disclosure? They showed that the tenders of A. W. Fraser and W. H. Nolan were in the same handwriting. Subsequently Mr. Fraser under oath admitted that he wrote them both. He was asked that he had not declared on his own behalf, offering \$1,000 for the limit, that during the morning of the day on which the law of the Minister had called to see him he had asked him to prepare another tender and that he had used the name of W. H. Nolan as though it were his own. Mr. Fraser had handed the letter in an unsealed envelope to Mr. Burrows, and this latter gentleman had inclosed the \$7,000 cheque which captured the limit with a little to spare. Now the conundrum to which there has been no satisfactory answer is this: How did Mr. Burrows know that \$7,000 was the sum required to win the limit? The limit was more valuable than the Cedar Lake limit, subsequently passed into the hands of a company known as The Imperial Pulp Company whose operations became the subject of investigation on the part of the Opposition.

THE IMPERIAL PULP COMPANY.

This organization seems to have been formed for the purpose of acquiring, holding and selling timber limits. It had no office, save a Winnipeg post box. Its officials were undisclosed. It was eventually learned that the Hon. D. H. McMillan, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba was president, that T. A. Burrows was managing director and that a youth named Joseph typewritten copy of the limits. Whether there were other shareholders we were unable to learn. The holdings of this company on the North Saskatchewan and on its branches above Edmonton are valued at \$7,500,000, while the Moose Jaw limit, according to the prospectus issued by the company, is valued at \$300,000 more. A stick of timber has yet been cut by this company from one of these limits, although most of the areas have already been held for five years or more.

THE IMPERIAL PULP COMPANY AS A BIDDER FOR TIMBER.

The Imperial Pulp company appears upon the scene as a bidder for timber berths between December, 1902, and February, 1903. During these two years this company, under divers names, observing the usual rules of the game, bid nine limits. It never asked to have a limit put up but it never failed to secure the limit upon which it bid the total of its bids amounted to \$54,075, the total of the highest bids in the nine cases amounted to \$31,771, a difference of \$22,304. In other words this company secured its limits at an average bid of 70 p.c. of the value of the limits. This mysterious company that possessed a post box in Winnipeg, whose communications had to pass through an agent, was able to acquire for less than \$55,000 during these three years 417 square miles of timber limits that must have a value to-day exceeding \$1,000,000.

The Imperial Pulp company has secured practically the whole reserve supply within 150 miles radius of Edmonton. Their holdings in this region cannot be valued at less than \$500,000. They will probably realize far more than this if they continue to sell when the increased demand adds to present value. Their method of tendering was different from the usual method, the recognized practice of the department. The public advertisement which invites tenders calls attention to the fact that the department is prepared to furnish on demand a printed form of tender. This form indicates that the bidder is expected to state the amount he offers as bonus and give the name of the bank upon which he has accepted cheque is drawn. This form was generally used by its competitors, but never by the Imperial Pulp company. In their tenders the amount offered as bonus is rarely stated. Double cheques are often used. The margin of excess is perilously small, but never less than is required. All things considered—these unusual methods—this unvarying success—point to but one conclusion, that there must have been greater than was ordinarily applied for the department, however, applied to have had no hesitation in granting the request. With wonderful alacrity that is within a fortnight after receipt of this application, the advertisement was issued calling for bids.

The delay allowed for inspection was in inverse ratio to the magnitude of the proposal. It was advertised once in the Manitoba Free Press and once in the Prince Albert Advocate. The advertisement was issued on the 28th of January and the bids were to be back in Ottawa by the 7th of March. This meant thirty-eight days, less than one month for the lumbermen of the province to inspect the limits, make a proposal, and have the limit awarded. No sooner did the news reach Prince Albert than there were protests galore. This opportunity, northern town of Prince Albert, is the centre of the saw timber industry for western Saskatchewan. There are a number of lumber manufacturers at this point whose trade supply it was realized to be threatened. The Board of Trade held a meeting and passed unanimous resolutions protesting against the proposal. The mayor of Prince Albert also protested, forwarding to the Hon. Clifford Sifton a petition signed by the citizens of Prince Albert protesting against sale of timber berths north of river timber limits passing into the hands of speculators to the detriment of settlers. (Sgd.) J. F. Austill, mayor. The objections to these restrictions were well founded. The area tendered for is too large; "few have capital sufficient to use so much timber in the House of Commons." The protest against limits passing into the

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Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

POOR LITTLE SUFFERER.

What is that?
And how does it come?
That comes sighing
On thy face?
Oh, my little sufferer,
Be not of pathetic appeal
To the ancient officeholder
For a pass?
That appears to me
From a heart
So brimming with sorrow
That not another drop
Of sorrow
Could be loaded on
Without breaking its back,
Oh, my little sufferer,
It is not so much
Crying because
It has been asked
What has happened?
Weeping with weeps
Because no tear your victim appears.
Ah, what?
Listen.
It is the great
Unsettled thing
In the new prohibition belt
Calling for help.
To travel in the desert,
Mid wastes of sand,
Beside a merciless eye
And taunted by the mirage;
On the painted sea,
With water, water everywhere
And not a drop to drink.
For liquidation purposes,
In no more appalling condition
Than the great
Unsettled thing
That hasn't as yet
Adapted itself
To the new order.

In hiding,
"Yes, he is hiding
In a garret."
"By preference."
"Well, he is
writing popular
songs for a living."
"Oh, I see.
Thinks the police
will not get him
there!"

Couldn't stand Victory.
"She has finally left him."
"What's the trouble?"
"You know, he used to beat her up."
"Yes, but that has been going on for
years, and she didn't seem to mind it
much."
"No, she appeared to rather enjoy it,
but one day she turned on him, and in
the scrap she came out victor."
"I would have thought she would
have had him where she wanted him
then."
"No, she couldn't respect a man who
could lick."

Competition.
How does the little bee collect
The honey as it passes?
But not the kind we buy that's made
From sorghum and molasses.

Embossing mistake.
"She is mortified nearly to death."
"By the tongs?"
"She took some flowers to the jail
this morning."
"Very kind in her."
"Yes, but she got mixed up, and instead
of giving them to the desperate
murderer she handed them over to a
fellow who had only stolen a sack of
four."

Necessity.
The man who doesn't own a horse
Lies down into her
And says that walking to his mind
is beautiful exercise.

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

It may be that you can reform a
man by giving him a good dinner,
the necessity of reforming men may
be obtained by making good dinners a
necessity.

The reason some of us have to work
so hard is because there are others
who have the immense capacity for
making trouble.

The evil one enjoys the antics of
the wicked, for the wicked is certain
to get a nudge or two therefrom.

People who expect to reap a harvest
when they have sown no seed show
great confidence in their fellows.

Zeal is often a great capacity for
suffering whimsicalities on the part of
the associates of zeal.

Great expectation is a glorious thing
to have as long as it is from ourselves
that we expect.

The present year will without doubt
hear a great crop of presidential
impossibilities.

We are all anxious to make good
investments. We differ only upon the
question of what are good investments.

There is no time like the present, be-
cause the past and the future are not.

The key to the situation is generally
the one that unlocks the money chest.

ALBERTA CONSERVATIVE
ASSOCIATION.

Federal Constituencies of
Edmonton and Strathcona

Having accepted the appointment of Organizer for Messrs. Hyman and Day, the nominees of the Conservative Party for the Edmonton and Strathcona Constituencies respectively, the undersigned invites all parties living in these constituencies interested in the next Federal Election to send their names and addresses to him, so that he may in due time send to them the name and location of the place where they will be able to record their vote; and he will also be prepared to give any information desired.

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"That in the opinion of this convention the sales of public

In the early months of 1908 eight grazing leases were granted to the friends and supporters of the administration, from which was purposely omitted the "revocable" clause. Those leases covered an aggregate area of 51 square miles, the rental being 2

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LOCAL & GENERAL.

School started to-day with a full staff.

M. A. Munro is on a visit to his brother at Lethbridge.

Mrs. J. Palmer, of Calgary, is the guest of Mrs. W. E. Payne.

For the best in pork and bologna sausage see Drake the butcher.

Mrs. W. H. Morrow, of Tisdale, Sask., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hill.

J. L. Irwin, who was ill at the hospital last week, we are pleased to see around again.

Miss Bella Botterill, of Vancouver, is visiting her friends and relatives in Red Deer.

James Latimer, of Latimer & Botterill, has been in town the past few days on business.

R. D. Rutherford, of Seymour township, Ont., was the guest of W. T. Bowhey on Monday.

A. T. Cushing, of Cushing Bros., is in the hospital at Edmonton with an attack of small pox.

We are informed that Miss Graves intends opening a millinery establishment in Innisfail in the near future.

Frank Michener is putting in new scales and making other noted improvements in his butcher shop.

A. H. Illey has been appointed to the vacancy on the Memorial Hospital Board, caused by the resignation of Henry Reinhold.

People would be wise to procure their seats to-day for 'Faust' at the Lyric to-morrow (Thursday) evening. They are going fast.

Oliver Smith, of Stratford, Ont., was in town yesterday on his way to spend a couple of weeks with his brothers, the enterprising merchants of Everts.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Brumpton left for Ontario last evening. Mr. Brumpton will take this opportunity of visiting the wholesale houses of the east and stopping up for the winter.

Mr. H. H. Humber, jeweller, has moved over to the R. A. Jacobson store, where he has more accommodation and better facilities for meeting the needs of his increasing business.

S. R. Elwell had a cucumber on exhibition in Wallace & Gaetz's window last week just 2 1/2 inches in length and nearly 8 inches in circumference. It was of the telegraph variety.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bowhey and child leave to-day for a two month's visit to British Columbia. Mrs. Bowhey has not been very well for some time and no doubt the change will do her good.

For the Canadian National Exhibition to be held at Toronto, August 29th to September 14th, the Canadian Pacific Railway will have in effect special round trip rates. For full information as to rates, limits, etc., apply to the nearest C.P.R. Ticket Agent.

Faust contains a large measure of moral philosophy, both in the actual words of the players and in the grand ensemble of its weird lights and shadows, its comedies and tragedies. Sam Jones aptly characterized it when he said it was "better than a sermon." Will appear at the Lyric to-morrow, Thursday night.

Tenders were asked for twelve medals for the champion football team of Alberta by the executive of the Provincial Association from all jewelers in Alberta, and we are pleased to see that our townsman H. J. Snell, Jeweller, Ross Avenue, got the contract over all competitors. This is a feather in Harold's cap and we congratulate him on the result.

The Red Deer Lacrosse Club play High River, at Calgary, on Friday next for the intermediate championship of Alberta. The team will be picked from the following players: Ross, Coleman, Welton, Sewell, Barnes, Hailburton, Main, Bingham, Wingfield, Joe Brumpton, Porter, Swanson, W. A. Moore, D. Smith and Tait. The boys are in pretty good form and have been practicing steady of late. We feel they will give a good account of themselves on Friday night.

CHILDREN'S EYES

often need attention. Even very small children show evidence of eyestrain and should be attended to at once. If the child complains of pains in the head or eyes, is troubled with inflamed eyes or lids, dislikes studying or appears stupid or backward in his lessons, you had better bring the child to our Mr. Gaetz for examination.

Mr. Gaetz has given special attention to children's eyes, and is in a good position to advise you. He will not recommend glasses unless they are necessary.

The Gaetz-Cornett Drug & Book Co., Ltd.

Miss Reilly, of Leslieville, is the guest of Miss Yeomans.

Nice fresh celery, tomatoes and other vegetables always on hand at Drake's.

H. J. Snell has been appointed an issuer of marriage licenses for Red Deer.

Farmers! bring in your spring chickens, fowls, turkeys and ducks to H. H. Drake. He pays the highest market price.

The following gentlemen subscribed for and presented the Red Deer Cadet Corps with a bugle: Messrs. Gibson, Welliver, Chapman, Joe, Wallace, H. Welliver, Menzies, C. Murphy, W. Blair, E. Smith, Randall, Capt. H. L. Gaetz, Porter, Wallace & Gaetz, Dr. George.

The garden party held by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church on Friday evening last at Wasakos Villa, the residence of Jos. Wallace, J. P., was fairly well attended and a most enjoyable time was spent by those present. A good program was presented and games were played by the young folks. Supper was served from 6 to 8.

Addresses on the "Coming of the Lord," "Two Resurrections," "Four Judgments," etc., illustrated with a large chart by Mr. Wm. M. Horey, of Boston, Mass., will be given in Ross' old stand, Gaetz Ave., every night except Monday and Saturday commencing Sunday Aug. 30, 7:30 p.m. You are cordially invited. No collections.

No Damage To Crops.

Reports from Messrs. Fiske, Hilldown, Hives, Penhold, McMillan, Everts, Keast, Hillsdown, Leithead, Horn Hill, and others, all go to show that there was no damage to speak of from the frost last week. One or two degrees was registered in some places. Fall wheat and barley is nearly all out, and farmers are now cutting their oats.

Municipal Ownership.

At a special meeting of the Town Council Friday evening the following resolution was carried unanimously:

Moved by Councillor Botterill seconded by Councillor McKee: Be it resolved that the secretary-treasurer be instructed on behalf of the Council of the Town of Red Deer to submit the following proposal to the Western General Electric Co. of Red Deer, viz.:

1. That the Town of Red Deer, subject to the ratification of the ratepayers, will purchase from the Western General Electric Co. all the plant, machinery, equipment, and real estate of the company at their present actual cash value.

2. Upon the purchase being completed by the Town, all the rights, powers and privileges heretofore granted by the corporation to the company shall terminate and become null and void.

3. That in determining the price to be paid by the Town to the company the Town shall appoint a valuator and the Co.'s shall do likewise, and in the event of a disagreement between the two valuations they shall appoint a third, and the value as agreed upon by any two such valuations, shall be deemed the present cash value, and shall be paid by the corporation and accepted by the Company.

4. That an answer from the Company be required within fourteen days.

SYLVAN LAKE.

The camps are looking deserted out here now.

Fred Hart launched his motor boat for the first time this summer on Saturday night last.

Swanson and Bingham, two young men in Red Deer, took a run out on Saturday night from town. They came out in about two hours.

By very strenuous efforts S. McKenzie managed to get up a little social dance on Saturday night last.

Olds vs. Red Deer, Cricket.

The Olds cricketers came up Wednesday last and had an interesting game with the town eleven. A couple of Red Deer men filled in for the visitors, and Hamley did excellent work in the field. Broadbent was their strong man, making double figures in both innings. Pollard was a find for Red Deer. After six wickets had fallen in the second innings, the Olds captain declared their innings closed, and they set to work to put out the Red Deer men before they could reach Olds total, which made a very exciting finish. When Red Deer went out the game was believed to be a draw, but revision of the scores showed the home team two runs ahead. Following were the scores:

OLDS, 1st Innings.	
W. C. Gooder, b Mann	0
L. Broadbent, b Mann	10
R. Stevens, b Stephenson	14
W. Daintree, b Stephenson	8
R. West, b Mann	1
Rev. Smith, b Daintree	0
J. Marshall, b Stephenson	2
J. C. Rolph, b Mann	0
W. Panklin, b Gaetz, b Mann	1
I. Hamley, not out	1
H. Wallace, run out	0
Extras	10
Total	54

2nd Innings.	
W. C. Gooder, c Kent b Pollard	10
L. Broadbent, b Pollard	25
R. Stevens, b Pollard	1
W. Daintree, b Pollard	3
R. West, b Pollard	0
Rev. Smith, b Stephenson	1
J. Marshall, not out	0
J. C. Rolph, did not bat	0
W. Panklin, do	0
I. Hamley, do	0
H. Wallace, do	0
Extras	8
Total	52

RED DEER, 1st Innings.	
P. Cork, b Gooder	0
J. Mann, b Daintree	0
A. E. Pollard, b Broadbent	21
C. H. Chapman, b Daintree	0
H. G. Neville, b Daintree	6
A. T. Stephenson, c Daintree, b Broadbent	0
P. E. Kent, b Broadbent	0
F. Westgate, not out	0
Hopkins, b Broadbent	0
L. Gaetz, run out	1
Dr. George, b Gooder	21
Extras	4
Total	61

2nd Innings.	
P. Cork, b Gooder	0
J. Mann, b Daintree	10
Pollard, c Smith, b Gooder	0
Chapman, c Hamley b Broadbent	3
Neville, c Hamley, b Daintree	3
Stephenson, c Smith b Daintree	13
Kent, c Smith, b Daintree	0
Westgate, b Daintree	2
Hopkins, b Gooder	0
H. L. Gaetz, not out	0
Dr. George, b Gooder	13
Extras	13
Total	47

Total both innings 108

TENNIS.

Through the enterprise of the Edmonton Tennis Club, there will be a Provincial Tennis Tournament in the Capital. This club was the original Tennis Club there, having now been organized for two years, and has fine grounds with every convenience.

The latest undertaking is the providing of two cups, one being kindly donated by the Edmonton Frewing Co. and the other by Messrs. Blythe and Nash two prominent members of the club, to be played for in the men's singles and doubles for the championship of Alberta.

The matches for this year will take place on the club's courts there on Friday, Saturday and Monday, Sept. 4th, 5th and 7th. Those dates should be advantageous to all as Monday is a holiday being Labor Day.

The cups are open for competition to any person having resided in Alberta for three months, and applications will be received up to Aug. 31st by Geo. H. Adams, Secretary Edmonton Tennis Club from whom any particulars may be obtained.

Poplar Ridge.

Mr. Pete Larsen and family have moved to Ponoka, where they will make their home in the future.

Mr. Fred Fisher Sr. is building a house in town.

Haying is in full swing. The weather is certainly perfect.

Miss Irene Wood spent last week visiting her cousin Miss Irma Strong.

Ivan Fisher had a narrow escape from being killed by a bull. The bull, enraged by being cornered in the fence, went for the horse and drove one of his horns full length in his breast. Ivan escaped without injury, but the horse is not out of danger yet.

BIRTH.

At Horn Hill, on August 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Pye, a son.

At Edwell, on August 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. James Corner, a daughter.

At Red Deer, on August 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Booth, a son.

MARRIED.

At the Presbyterian manse, by the Rev. W. G. Brown, Miss Annie Olsen, of Ekville, to Edward Aho, of Everts.

The Late Geo. Dustan.

Geo. Dustan, one of Red Deer's prominent contractors, passed away on Monday afternoon, aged 66 years. He had been ailing for a few days but nothing serious was anticipated. On Monday afternoon he took a severe pain internally and expired a short time afterwards. On examination it was found that he had ruptured a blood vessel internally. Deceased was born in Durham Co., Quebec, and lived a number of years in Eau Claire, Wis., where he was an extensive builder. He has resided in Red Deer six years, built a number of our prominent buildings, and has always been highly respected in the community. His last work was the Roman Catholic convent north of the river. He leaves a wife and one son to mourn his death.

By-laws Carried.

The four by-laws which were re-voted upon yesterday afternoon were practically all carried unanimously, only one vote was registered against them, that one was against the hospital. The by-laws were:

1. Sewer construction, \$30,000.
2. Construction of Fire Hall, \$5,000.
3. Purchase of land for water-works, \$2,300.
4. Grant to Hospital, \$8,000.

The vote stood:

No. 1	72	0
No. 2	72	0
No. 3	72	0
No. 4	71	1

There is already enquiry regarding these debentures and a ready sale is expected at much better figures than if they had been sold a few months ago, in fact the town will be money in pocket by the enforced delay.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLAR FIRE AT WETASKIWIN.

Wetaskiwin, Aug. 24.—The Wetaskiwin steam laundry, the dwelling of J. H. Heighington, and an adjoining shack were totally destroyed by fire last night.

The damage amounted to \$15,000, and there was no insurance.

Miss Dorothea Huestis,

(Graduate with Teachers' Diploma of Mt. Allison Conservatory of Music.)

Will receive pupils in piano and theory of music. The Natural Method is used and special attention is given to beginners. Pupils prepared for examinations in the Toronto Conservatory of Music.

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W. E. LORD CO'Y.

Piano For Sale.

Upright Piano, walnut case, in good condition, by Collard & Collard, London, England. Will sell for \$100.

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"The Shoe Store of Quality."

Auction Sale of Millinery Stock.

The Millinery stock in trade of Miss Ella McLennan, lately carrying on business at Red Deer, will be offered for sale by the undersigned, in lots, by public auction, on the premises, on Saturday, 29th August, 1903, at two o'clock in the afternoon. Terms cash.

Dated 28th August, 1903.

JNO. CRAWFORD, Assignee.

Threshing Outfit For Sale.

The undersigned has a threshing outfit consisting of Traction Engine and Separator in good condition for sale at reasonable price. For further particulars apply to

JAMES MCKENHIE, Red Deer, Aug. 12th, '03 '2

WAGONS ! WAGONS !

We have been successful in securing a number of wagons at a reduced price; and as we can also give extraordinarily easy terms for payment we would strongly recommend all intending purchasers to secure one of these wagons before it is too late. The price and terms will surprise you. Remember these are no second-hand goods, but first-class wagons of standard make. Wagons will continue to increase rather than decrease in price, so now is your opportunity to purchase a wagon at a price seldom offered in the west, but there is only a limited number at this price and terms. First come, first served.

We also have a good proposition to make on three Binders. They are money-makers, so your prompt attention is necessary, or they will not last long. Make sure of your crop, and we will stand behind you.

We are very optimistic as to the ultimate outcome of the crops, and are only too anxious to prove to you this statement by selling you the goods referred to above.

Call and investigate our proposition.

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LYRIC THEATRE, RED DEER.

Willis & Cosgrove, Lessees. W. J. McLeod, Manager.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27.

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OLGA VERNE as Marguerite

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- The Electric Sword Duel
- The Electric Fire Flies
- The Electric Flower Bed
- The Electric Morning Glories
- The Electric Necklace
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- The Electric Skull

Together with Electric Owls, Snakes, and many other weird and dramatic effects.

Full Choir for the Cathedral Scene and Mendelssohn's Celebrated Quartette.

17,431 feet of Electric Wire.

300 Electric Flower Plants.

Reserved Seats - \$1.50 & \$1.00

Rush - 75c.

Seats on sale at Gaetz-Cornett's Drug Store.

MISS OLGA VERNE.

We guarantee this production to be as advertised, or money refunded after Second Act.

Read what the Nelson Daily News says:-

The Opera House was crowded to the doors last evening to witness an excellent and most spectacular production of Faust, in which Miss Olga Verne appeared as Marguerite, F. L. Wilson as Faust and William Richards as Mephisto.

While the play was genuinely put on, the electrical scenic effects were on a scale never before witnessed in Nelson and the scenes produced were brilliant and pretty in the extreme. Many startling novelties were produced and the general effect delighted the large audience. Miss Verne made a charming Marguerite and fairly captured hearty sympathy of the house, maintaining her artistic rendition of the difficult part to the end. Mr. Richards, as the arch fiend, gave a very finished piece of acting and Mr. Wilson's Faust places him in the front rank of his profession. The stars were well supported and, as already stated, the whole play was splendidly carried along by the scenic effects.

Nelson playgoers will learn with pleasure that the company has consented to play a return engagement here next Saturday evening, when Faust will be again presented.

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25 PER CENT DISCOUNT.

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